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Hello,

I am submitting my concern during the public comment period on the upcoming new OWTS regulations. I was reading the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health-Environmental Health FAQ sheet.

Q15 “What is a failed system and how will you identify them?”.....”DPH will require the owner of the failing OWTS

to have the system inspected by a licensed and qualified septic contractor to determine if repairs are required

or if... the system must be replaced.”

The system as it is suggested currently would set up a serious conflict of interest. Given the amount of money to be made from removing, installing and set up of a new NOWTS, the contractor has a clear financial gain to “fail’ systems and over report incidents.

The DPH should hire an independent inspector who does not have a financial incentive to inspect the systems.

Please respond to my email so I know that my public comment was noted for the record, thank you.

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